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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft have continued to violate Iraqi airspace during the period 21 to 30 April 1995 on reconnaissance and provocation flights.

Date		Details
21 April 1995	(a)	Northern region: 11 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Mossoul, Dohouk, Tal Afar, Zakho, Ain Zala and Amadiya.
	(b)	Southern region: 22 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Joulaiba, Artawi and Bassiya.

- On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below:

  1. The first flight lasted from 1000 to 1132, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait;

  2. The second flight lasted from 1345 to 1510, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.

Date	Details
22 April 1995	(a) Northern region: 13 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Zakho, Dohouk, Amadiya, Mossoul, Tal Afar, Ain Zala and Aqra. (b) Southern region: 61 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Qorna, Nassiriya, Bassiya, Chebaish, Samawa, Salmane, Chinafiya, Joulïba and Artawi. - On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below: 1. The first flight lasted from 0950 to 1202, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait; 2. The second flight lasted from 1245 to 1455, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.
23 April 1995	Southern region: 56 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Basra, Nassiriya, Samawa, Chinafiya, Salmane, Qorna, Joulaïba, Chebaish and Artawi.
24 April 1995	(a) Northern region: 19 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Mossoul, Dohouk, Tal Afar, Zakho and Amadiya.

Date	Details
	(b) Southern region: 42 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Salmane, Chinafiya, Joulaiba and Artawi. - On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below: 1. The first flight lasted from 0955 to 1122, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait; 2. The second flight lasted from 1250 to 1420, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait. - On the same day at 1245 a flight of two enemy aircraft released three flares near the town of Mossoul in the governorate of Ninive. - On the same day at 1246 a flight of two enemy aircraft broke the sound barrier near the town of Khalis in the governorate of Diyala.
25 April 1995	(a) Northern region: 10 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Zakho, Dohouk, Mossoul, Arbil, Tal Afar, Amadiya and Ain Zala. (b) Southern region: 54 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Basra, Qorna, Chebaish, Nassiriya, Samawa, Salmane, Bassiya, Joulaiba and Artawi.

Date		Details
	-	On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below: 1. The first flight lasted from 1015 to 1210, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait; 2. The second flight lasted from 1335 to 1527, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.
26 April 1995	(a)	Northern region: 15 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Dohouk, Arbil, Mossoul, Tal Afar, Zakho and Amadiya.
	(b)	Southern region: 31 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Chebaish, Basra, Artawi, Qorna and Joulaiba.
	-	On the same day, at 1310, an enemy flight broke the sound barrier over the Souq al-Chouyoukh region.
27 April 1995	(a)	Northern region: 7 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Mossoul, Arbil, Dohouk, Tal Afar, Ain Zala and Amadiya.
	(b)	Southern region: 36 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Basra, Salmane, Joulaiba, Artawi and Bassiya.

Date	Details
28 April 1995	(a) Northern region: 27 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Zakho, Amadiya, Dohouk, Mossoul, Aqra, Arbil, Tal Afar and Ain Zala. (b) Southern region: 52 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Artawi, Joulaiba, Samawa, Bassiya, Nassiriya, Chebaish, Salmane, Lassaf and Qorna.
29 April 1995	Southern region: 52 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Amara, Basra, Qorna, Chebaish and Chinafiya. - On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below: 1. The first flight lasted from 1015 to 1135, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait; 2. The second flight lasted from 1320 to 1435, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.
30 April 1995	Southern region: 39 sorties Speed: 600 to 900 kilometres per hour Altitude: medium Areas overflown: Nassiriya, Samawa, Qorna, Joulaiba, Salmane, Artawi and Bassiya.

Date	Details
-	On the same day two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, overflying southern Iraq at 600 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 20,000 metres, as detailed below: 1. The first flight lasted from 1210 to 1237, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait; 2. The second flight lasted from 1210 to 1430, when the aircraft flew off towards Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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